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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

1 MAY 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Vice President

*> Copy addressed to each  
PRC member*

FROM : Chairman, Policy Review Committee (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Intelligence Priorities

1. At the meeting on 15 March of the PRC(I), we reviewed the draft lists of long-term and current priority topics for intelligence collection and production. After discussion, the Committee opted to have individual members submit proposed amendments, additions, and deletions with the hope that such changes could be resolved without a further meeting.

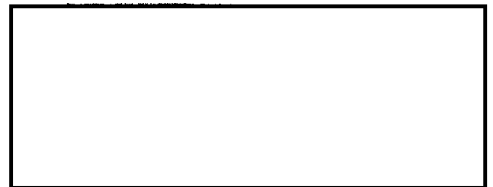
2. The Department of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Department of State, the Department of Treasury, and Arms Control and Disarmament Agency all proposed changes. I have incorporated these where possible, but not in every instance. The reason in most cases for not accepting a proposed revision in its totality was the tendency to increase the number of high priority items. I feel it is necessary to keep a lid on this, and accordingly have not incorporated all recommendations for increasing priorities or for adding more high priority questions. It seems to me that it is not only important to hold down the total number of high priorities, but to show a difference of emphasis within each category and between categories.

3. For the same reason, I have lowered several of the priorities assigned to topics in the lists tabled at our meeting on 15 March. Please note, however, that I have raised the priority of the Soviet foreign policy item in the basic list from 2 to 1, on grounds that it deserves as much attention as the military issues.

4. My consolidation of the amendments is attached. I am also enclosing for certain addressees brief comments on suggested changes that have not been incorporated.

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5. I request your concurrence to issue the attached lists as guidance from the PRC(I) to the intelligence community. Once they are issued, I will proceed as agreed at our last meeting to set in motion a procedure to review the topics every four months and to make an annual reassessment.



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Attachments

cc: Secretary of Energy